DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Subcommittee; Transport Airplane and Engine Subcommittee; Flight Test Working Group

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of establishment of Flight Test Working Group.

SUMMARY: Notice is given of the establishment of a Flight Test Working Group by the Transport Airplane and Engine Subcommittee. This notice informs the public of the activities of the Transport Airplane and Engine Subcommittee of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) established an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (56 FR 2190, January 22, 1991) which held its first meeting on May 23, 1991 (56 FR 20492, May 3, 1991). The Transport Airplane and Engine Subcommittee was established at the meeting to provide advice and recommendations to the Director, Aircraft Certification Service, FAA, regarding the airworthiness standards for transport category airplanes and engines in parts 25, 33 and 35 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR parts 25, 33, 35). At its meeting on September 26, 1991 (56 FR 43055, August 30, 1991), the subcommittee agreed to establish the Flight Test Working Group. Specifically, the working group's task is the following:

Task

The Flight Test Working Group is charged with making a recommendation to the Transport Airplane and Engine Subcommittee concerning disposition of the joint Aerospace Industries Association of America, Inc. (AIA) and Association Europenne des Constructeurs de Material Aerospatial (AECMA) petition for rulemaking dated May 22, 1990, requesting amendments to §§ 25.143(c) and (f), 25.149, and 25.201 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (Docket No. 26250). In completing this task, the working group should review comments received in response to this petition.

Reports

The working group will develop any combination of the following as it deems appropriate:

1. A draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing the requested or modified new standards, supporting economic and other required analysis, and any other collateral documents the working group determines are needed; or

2. A Denial of Petition stating the rationale for not adopting the new standards proposed in the petition.

The working group chair or an alternate should: (a) Recommend organizational structure(s) and time line(s) for completion of this effort, including rationale, for subcommittee consideration at the meeting scheduled for February 4, 1992; (b) give a status report on this task at each meeting of the subcommittee; and (c) give a detailed conceptual presentation to the subcommittee before proceeding with the drafting of documents described in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

The Flight Test Working Group will be comprised of experts from those organizations having an interest in the task assigned to it. A working group member need not be a representative of one of the organizations of the parent Transport Airplane and Engine Subcommittee or of the full Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee. An individual who has expertise in the subject matter and wishes to become a member of the working group should write to the person listed under the caption FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT expressing that desire, describing his or her interest in the task, and stating the expertise he or she would bring to the working group. The request will be reviewed with the subcommittee chair and working group leader; and the individual will be advised whether or not the request can be accommodated.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that the information and use of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee and its subcommittees are necessary in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law. Meetings of the full committee and any subcommittees will be open to the public except as authorized by section 19(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Meetings of the Flight Test Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. No public announcement of working group meetings will be made.

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